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IN RE APPLICATION OF: )  
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**Trautman, et al.** )  
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FOR: **APPARATUS AND METHOD** )  
**FOR PIERCING SKIN WITH** )  
**MICROPROTRUSIONS** )  
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**AMENDMENT B**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are made in response to the Office communication, dated October 20, 2004. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.